

TRAIN HITS WAGON, WRECKING VILLAGE

Vehicle Carried 750 Pounds of Dynamite.

DRIVER STOPPED ON TRACK

Old Engineer, Scalded to Death, Was Found Clutching His Throttle. Many Persons Hurt.

CUMBERLAND, Md., Sept. 24.—The village of North Branch, four miles east of Cumberland, was wrecked by dynamite yesterday afternoon, the explosion having been caused by a Baltimore and Ohio eastbound fast freight train running into a wagon loaded with dynamite at a crossing.

C. Walter Whitehair, a brakeman, of Brunswick, and Nelson Pike, engine driver, of Martinsburg, were killed. A. R. Sanders, fireman, of North Mountain, W. Va.; Charles Hamilton, of Little Orleans, Md.; James Ashkettle, of Little Orleans; Mary Twigg, of Oldtown; Raymond, the three-year-old son of Charles Hamilton; Maude Seibert, and James Laing, driver of the dynamite wagon, were the most severely injured.

The Tower Wrecked.

The Baltimore and Ohio tower was wrecked, as were the residences of Adam Seibert, Charles Hamilton, Charles Elmore, and John Coleman, and the commissary of Michael Elmore, a Washash sub-contractor, and office, stable, and hospital buildings. Windows of the schoolhouse and of the residence of G. A. Zimmerly and others on the mountain, half a mile away, were all broken, and the school children were thrown into a panic.

The dynamite was being hauled for Mr. Elmore for construction work near by. There were fifteen cases on the wagon, aggregating 750 pounds. Laing was crossing the track with the load when he saw the train coming. He became panic-stricken and stopped on the track, according to eyewitnesses, and then deserted the team and ran. The train struck the rear of the wagon, which lacked only three feet of clearing the track, but the engine ran on fifty feet before the terrific explosion occurred.

Fell Upon Them.

Grant Hamilton and James Ashkettle were in the tower with the former's brother. Realizing what was coming, they dropped down and the tower fell upon them. They were covered with cuts from glass and splinters. The engine was stripped of its trimmings and turned over at right angles, a total wreck, while seven freight cars were badly broken up, the foremost cars being destroyed. The track was torn and twisted in all directions, and heavy steel rails were broken in two. The concussion was terrific, an unusual incident being the breaking of wires half way between telegraph poles by concussion only.

Laing was some distance away, running in a ditch when the engine struck the wagon, and escaped with various cuts and a fractured arm. The horses were hardly scratched, although thrown fifty yards into a field.

Dead at His Post.

It required the strength of four or five men to lift Pike, the engine driver, from the throttle. His body was on top of the overturned boiler, under broken iron, and his hand grasped the throttle in a death clutch. The house of Charles Hamilton was torn almost inside out. The furniture was wrecked and all the china and crockery broken. Parts of the engine were buried many yards, and pickles and whiskey, with which several of the cars were loaded, were scattered in all directions. One of the tires of the dynamite wagon was hurled to the top of a telegraph pole, where it hung fast. The explosion emptied pillows of feathers in several houses. An oak tree was entirely denuded of leaves.

CHARTERS GRANTED UNDER DISTRICT LAWS

Certificates of the incorporation of the following named enterprises have been recorded:

The Unique Cable Tire Wheel Company; capital stock, \$150,000; incorporators, William M. Feltner, George W. Castell, John B. Collins, Eugene Fallon, and Alfred E. Bullen.

The Imperial Consolidated Mines Company; capital stock, \$1,500,000; incorporators, Lyman Postle, Frederick R. Austin, Frank M. Church, and James A. Harper.

The Carbide Fireproofing Company; capital stock, \$100,000; incorporators, Charles W. Peinsep, Eugene Gough, Charles P. Roenberger, Fred A. Ray, George W. Naeff, J. B. Wilson, Harold E. Thomas, Burton G. Hamilton, and Charles D. Waterbury.

The Legal Claims Company; capital stock, \$20,000; incorporators, John G. Slater, Thomas W. Soran, and Beverly E. Bassford.

FRANK SHERCLIFFE FREE, IS BENT ON REVENGE

DES MOINES, Sept. 24.—Frank Shercliffe, for twelve years a convict in the Fort Madison Penitentiary, has walked out a free man.

Immediately he met Attorney Thomas, representing the dyke federation of Omaha, and L. E. Fay, of Clinton, whom he robbed fifteen years ago of \$100,000 worth of diamonds.

Shercliffe expressed it as his intention to "even up" with Tom Dennison, the Omaha policy king, who, he says, conspired the crime.

Shercliffe's case became prominent throughout the nation because of his parole by Leslie M. Shaw when Shaw was governor. Letters and radio documents dug up recently tended to show that Dennison had caused great influence to be exerted to procure a parole.

Once out, Dennison and Shercliffe quarreled, and the parole was revoked. Shercliffe says Dennison had him sent back to jail and swears to be avenged.

TROLLEY BRAKE FAILS; CAR RUNS INTO TRAIN

PROVIDENCE, Sept. 24.—Three persons were hurt at Cranston yesterday, when a trolley car coming down hill ran into a freight car at a grade crossing. The injured are Motorman McLaughlin, Conductor Hazard, and Antoine Enos, a passenger, who were the only ones on the car.

The car brake failed to work on a down grade.

A FREE LECTURE.

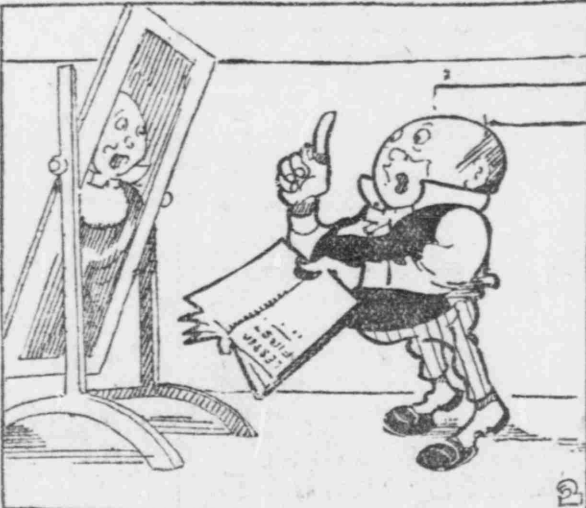
There will be a free lecture on the Russian-Japanese war at Building Trades Hall, Sixth and G Streets northwest, tomorrow evening at 8:00 p. m.

\$1.25 Baltimore and Return, B. & O. R. R., every Saturday and Sunday. Tickets good returning until Sunday night. "Hourly Service" Saturday.

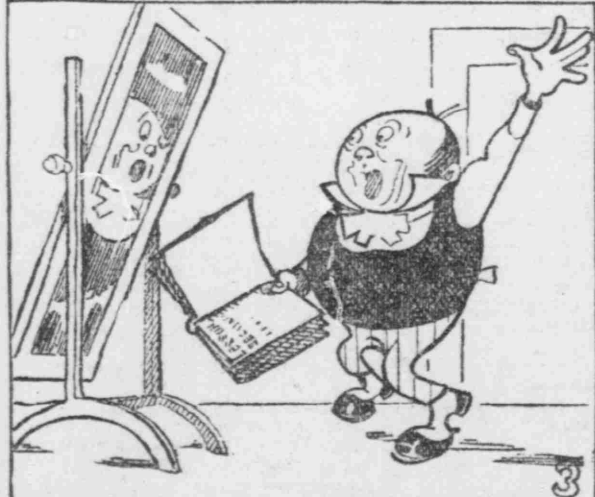
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But Bilkins was covered with something else.

TERMINAL WORK MAY BE TIED UP

Railroad and District Engineers Clash.

THE POINT AT ISSUE

One of Restoring Surface of Florida Avenue with Good Macadam.

A difference of opinion, which may lead to serious results and a possible delay in some branches of the terminal work now being carried on in Washington, has arisen.

The trouble is between D. D. Carothers, chief engineer of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company, and C. B. Hunt, Engineer of Highways for the District, over the interpretation of the terminal laws enacted by Congress affecting the railroad's repaving city streets torn up by the operations of the road in putting in subways and otherwise changing the grade of streets and avenues.

Several days ago the Engineer Commissioner received from Mr. Carothers a communication expressing the opinion that the railroad would be expected to put Florida Avenue northeast in good shape with macadam, instead of a more substantial paving, after the subway on that thoroughfare has been completed. He pointed out that the avenue had on it only macadam when the subway operations were begun.

Mr. Hunt Objects.

In reporting on this letter, Engineer of Highways Hunt said he thought the company ought to be compelled to put in a good, solid paving. In support of his position, he reported as follows: "Section 2 of the act of February 25, 1903, provides that the Terminal Company shall also grade and pave the said passageways at the time of their construction to the satisfaction of the Commissioners of the District of Columbia."

"It would appear from the wording of the law that the intention of the act is very clear, and as the terminal considerations of the case also indicate the propriety of a solid pavement being laid, it does not appear a difficult conclusion to recommend that the office insist on a pavement being arranged for in this company's subways at the cost of the company."

Although the Engineer Commissioner's recommendation is it is thought he will do so, as the act is construed universally at the District Building as upholding the opinion of the Engineer of Highways.

Construction of Law.

A further fact adduced in support of his position is that, hitherto, all laws relating to the treatment of streets in Washington have specified that they should be "graded and paved" or merely "graded and macadamized." Congress evidently not considering macadam as a paving, contention of Mr. Hunt is sustained. It will mean an immense saving to the District. It is not yet known what steps will have to be taken to finally settle the dispute, but it is expected that the railroad authorities will make a fight against substituting asphalt, granite block, or some such substance, in place of the cheaper macadam on streets affected by the terminal improvements.

ROBBERS TORTURE OLD MAN AND WIFE

Tried to Make Aged Pair Give Up Money.

KICKED AND BEAT WOMAN

One of the Three Assaultants Captured After Hour's Chase—Other Two Escaped Safely.

WILKESBARRE, Pa., Sept. 24.—Three masked robbers broke into the house of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Gibbons, an aged couple, of Boshong, near here, yesterday morning, and after torturing them in an effort to find hidden money, left the woman dying and fled.

One has been captured and a posse is after the others. Gibbons and his wife were pulled from bed and asked where their money was hidden. They denied having any, and when threatened continued their denial. Gibbons was then thrown back on the bed, while the robbers kicked, pinched and beat his wife. She begged for mercy and continued to declare they had no money. Then she was choked and again kicked until she became unconscious.

After assaulting the man the robbers fled, having heard the shout of a man, who while driving past heard cries for help. This man and the neighbors followed and after an hour's chase one of the three was captured. The other two escaped.

The captured man was taken to jail at Wilkesbarre under heavy guard, as there was fear of lynching.

WILSON TO SPELLBIND IN NEW YORK AND VIRGINIA

Secretary Wilson, of the Agricultural Department, left Washington for Charlottesville, Va., where he will deliver an address to the local Republican organization. From that place he will go into New York State and make several speeches, all under the direction of the National Republican Committee. He is expected to return in about three weeks.

Forecast of the Coming Election.

The Cook & Bernheimer Co. has issued an attractive circular in the national colors, giving a forecast of the election. These forecasts are interesting, as they are prepared by experts of the leading Republican afternoon paper of New York, the leading morning Democratic paper, and the leading morning independent paper.

The circular is issued to advertise the distillery bottling of Mount Vernon Pure Rye Whisky, trade-mark of which was recently defended by State's officials and at the State's expense. This is the only whisky trade-mark that has ever been so protected.

WILD TRIBE RISES.

CAPE TOWN, Sept. 24.—The Bondelszwart tribe in Demaraland have risen, increasing the difficulties of the German troops, who already have their hands full dealing with the rebellious Hereros.

Fine Showcases for Sale.

For sale, handsome rosewood and walnut showcases. Galt & Bro., 1107 Pa. ave.

HEAVY HOME STUDY FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

Three Hours a Day Besides Time Spent in the Class Room Required.

Washington High School students are this season confronted with the necessity of studying three hours at home every day in addition to the work they do during regular school hours.

The reason for this is that a new arrangement has been made in the high schools, which provides four distinct courses of study, instead of two, as has been the rule heretofore. This affects the Eastern, Western, Central, and M Street schools, the latter being for negroes.

The four new courses are the academic, scientific, normal, and history—English, or modern language. By the new arrangement, the students may elect those branches in each which will help them most in after life, according to their tastes and talents.

In speaking of the matter, school authorities say the average student will have to give at least three hours a day to study, outside of the work done in regular school hours. Failure to perform this outside task, they say, will result in the students' failure to make creditable showings in the examinations.

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Failure to Consider Local Taste in Material Offered for Sale.

HAVANA, Sept. 24.—It is held by some persons here that the failure of reciprocity with the United States has not been demonstrated because of the large purchases made in Europe in November and December, 1903, in view of the approaching treaty with America.

The Cuban market was thus supplied for the first three months of 1904. The failure of Cubans to purchase in the United States is due partly to the greater cost of production in that country, and possibly also to the fact that European merchants give longer credits and consult local tastes.

The Cuban trade moves in fixed channels. Rice is not considered a good article for American growers to bank on so far as Cuba is concerned, owing to the high price of the United States product. It is stated that Louisiana rice is quoted at about \$3.50 per 112 pounds, while other rice is sold for \$1.25.

It was foreshadowed some time ago in these despatches that the reciprocity treaty might not make any material difference in the trade between the two countries.

PRESIDENT MITIGATES SENTENCE OF PAYMASTER

President Roosevelt has mitigated the sentence imposed upon Paymaster John W. Morse, U. S. N., to a loss of five numbers in his grade.

Morse was tried on the Asiatic station for certain alleged delinquencies in keeping his accounts and acquiescence in a loss of ten numbers in grade. The judge advocate general and Secretary of the Navy recommended the reduction in the sentence approved by President Roosevelt.

CONCERT AT WHITE HOUSE BY THE MARINE BAND

The last of the open air concerts of the season by the United States Marine Band will be given this afternoon at the White House. The concert will be under the personal direction of Lieut. William H. Santelmann, the musical director of the band.

The program will consist of the following selections: March, "Le Porte Drapeau".....Volant Overture, "Cerberon".....Weber Euphonium solo, "Theresa".....Waldron (Musician Ole J. May.)

"Les Préludes".....Liszt Waltz, "The Beautiful Blue Danube".....Strauss "Reminiscences of Scotland".....Godfrey National anthem, "Star-Spangled Banner".....Key

WELCOME MEETING.

Tonight at the headquarters of the Homeward Bound Mission a welcome meeting will be held in honor of Major and Mrs. Johnson of Wilmington, Del. They will assume charge of the Shelter Home for Men, on Missouri Avenue northwest, which is a branch of the Homeward Bound Mission, under the management of Commander James Haslam.

Discontinuance of Week End Rates from Washington and Alexandria, Va. Southern Railway announces that after Sunday, September 25, 1904, week end rates from Washington and Alexandria, Va. to Somerset, Warrenton, Harrisonburg, Bluemont, and intermediate stations will be withdrawn from sale. The \$1 Sunday excursion to Ashburn, Bluemont, and intermediate stations will be continued until further notice.

Moses' 10th Annual Sept. Furniture Sale and clearance of carpets and rugs.

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TELEPATHIC FLASH A THOUSAND MILES

Death Message Comes in Middle of Night.

In St. Louis When Tidings Come of Tragedy in Jersey Home.

PLAINFIELD, N. J., Sept. 24.—While neither had previously given a thought to things occult, Thomas Muir and his mother, of this city, are now converts to the theory of telepathy.

When they went to St. Louis, a few days ago, all members of the family at home were in the best of health. Shortly after midnight of their second day at St. Louis Muir awoke with a start, found himself in a nervous and apprehensive state of mind, and was not able to return to sleep.

Referring to the matter at the breakfast table, he was informed that his mother had passed had fallen from a ladder the day before and that he had died at the very moment when the pair at St. Louis, 825 miles away as the crow flies, had been aroused from sleep by some subtle warnings of ill tidings.

Before they had left the table a telegram was handed to Muir informing him that his brother had fallen from a ladder the day before and that he had died at the very moment when the pair at St. Louis, 825 miles away as the crow flies, had been aroused from sleep by some subtle warnings of ill tidings.

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